

In the claims, delete claim 17.

Remarks

Claims 1- 17 are currently pending in the application.

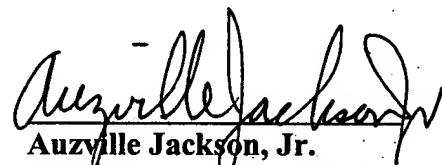
**Claim 17 has been cancelled in accordance with the provisional election
made by Applicant's attorney on November 18, 2000.**

**Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being
indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter
of the invention. This rejection is based upon applicant's apparent failure to
properly show the thickness dimension as specified in the claims in the drawings. It
is noted that the use of the language "greater than 5 μ " is used in the instant claims
to clearly distinguish the diamond emitters of the present invention from the thin
film such emitters referred to in the description of the prior art presented in the
instant application. Hence it is respectfully submitted that no such designation is
strictly necessary, however, in order to advance the prosecution of this application
an appropriate designator "T" has been introduced into the drawings at Figure 2
and suitable language introduced into the specification at page 4, line 17. These
amendments clearly do not constitute the introduction of new matter as the
"thickness" of the diamond emitter referred to in the instant application would
clearly have been recognized by those skilled in the diamond emitter art and these**

amendments are presented merely to clarify the particular dimension being described.

In view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks submitted herewith, it is respectfully submitted that the claims as now presented stand in condition for allowance and the same is respectfully requested at an early date.

Clean and Marked-Up copies of the relevant pages of the specification, as hereby amended, are enclosed.



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